(c) whether the dollar bonds bought by the Reserve Bank of India would be affected by declining value of dollar; and

(d) whether the process of their purchasing and selling would affect the liquidity?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The injection liquidity in the domestic economy due to the foreign exchange market operations of the RBI is modulated by monetary policy instruments available to the RBI. RBI change the prescribed Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) from time to time based on the emerging liquidity situation. As CRR is not the only monetary instrument to absord excess liquidity, it will not be appropriate to judge the regulation of liquidity solely by the changes in CRR. RBI has successively increased the CRR on four occasions from a level of 6 per cent as on March 3, 2007 to reach a level of 7.50 per cent as on November, 10, 2007.

(b) The "Economic Outlook for 2007-08" brought out by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister in July, 2007 identifies the following options in the context of strong capital flows, *viz.*, (i) let the rupee appreciate, (ii) absorb the capital flows into capital reserves and sterilize the excess over what may be regarded as appropriate, and (iii) liberalies outflows by removing admministrative and procedural implements and to discourage inflows by putting restrictions on some capital items. Since there are limits to which each instrument can be used by itself, the Economic Advisory Council recommended a judicious mix of all the three instruments.

(c) Foreign exchange reserves held by the Reserve Bank of India are denominated in US dollars and as such the value of the bond denominated in dollars would not be affected by declining value of the dollar. However, the value when translated to Indian Rupees for accounting purposes, would be affected by the appreciation or depreciation of the US dollar against the Indian Rupee.

(d) The process of buying and selling of bonds denominated in US dollars by the Reserve Bank of India, as part of reserve management, is done in the overseas market and as such, does not affect the domestic liquidity situation.

Shares of Reliance Infocom Ltd.

*177. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reliance Industries and its sister companies have acquired ten million shares of Reliance Infocom Ltd. at Re. 1 each;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether payment of stamp duties has been evaded;

(d) what actions are taken by various wings of the Ministry; and

(e) the authority responsible for this default?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) As per record, the company earlier knows as Reliance Infocom Ltd., after change of name on March 7, 2002, is now known as Reliance Communication Infrastructure Limited. The details of shareholding in this company based on its latest annual return as on 29th September, 2007, is given in the Statement *(See* below*)*.

(c) Stamp Duty is a subject matter under the jurisdiction of the State Governments. No information as to the evasion of payment of stamp duty with regard to the company in question has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Statement

Shareholding Pattern as on 29.09.2007

Name of the Holder	Holding in number of equity shares	Face value	Value (Rs. in Cr.)
Satish Seth jointly with Reliance Communications Limited	1	1	0.00
Amitabh T Jhunjhunwala jointly with Reliance Communications Limited	1	1	0.00
Gautam Doshi jointly with Reliance Communications Limited	1	1	0.00
Ramesh Shenoy jointly with Reliance Communications Limited	1	1	0.00
Hasit Shukla jointly with Reliance Communications Limited	1	1	0.00
Surendra Pipara jointly with Reliance Communications Limited	1	1	0.00
Reliance Communications Limited	1999999994	1	200.00
TOTAL:	2000000000		200.00
Reliance Communications Infrastructure Ltd. — Preference Shares			
Reliance Communication Limited	20000	10	0.02
TOTAL:	20000	10	0.02

Constitution of Market Regulatory Authority (MRA) to fix price of gas

*178. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of the recommendation made in the Integrated Energy Policy Report of the Expert Committee of the Planning Commission to constitute a Market Regulatory Authority (MRA) for pricing of natural gas for the domestic market, Government has since set up MRA;

(b) if so, the details of the constitution of MRA; and

(c) the details of the formula evolved by MRA to safeguard the interest of the gas consumers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.